



Bun Sgoil Thunga agus Sgoil Àraich
Tong School and Sgoil Àraich
November 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been a busy term and Christmas is fast approaching. We have news we would like to share with you below and most importantly for you at this busy time of year is our 'Dates for the Diary' section.

A massive thank you!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who have helped in recent days whether as parent helpers, fixing bits and bobs around our school or donating money to help us improve our school. We truly appreciate your generosity!



Children in Need

Our recent Children in Need day raised £326.70 for Children in Need. We are delighted to be able to give money to this worthy cause and thank you for your participation.

Building Works

Our recent building work is now complete but the newly grassed area will continue to be out of use until the Spring to allow the grass to settle and grow.

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Council Policy that a standard form is completed. If your child's form needs updated throughout the year please come into the main office to update it. Please note **all** medication must be prescribed. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Norovirus (winter vomiting bug)

If children have the vomiting bug please note it can still be infectious up to 48 hours after your symptoms disappear, and it is advised they stay at home during this time and to keep hands clean to avoid spreading it to others. Guidance information from NHS is available on our Parent noticeboard and posters are displayed around the school.

Absence from school

If your child has to be absent due to illness please contact the school office with relevant information as soon as possible. If not, a Groupcall will be sent asking you to respond with information regarding their absence. Please follow up absences with a letter if possible.

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure that we have the most up to date emergency contacts including any new mobile phone numbers as it is important we can reach you as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. If you are not receiving texts/email could you please contact the School office.

Tree of Achievement

During assembly we would like to celebrate children's Wider Achievements out of school. Children are welcome to bring in eg. Certificates/medals/badges they have received to show their peers. They will be photocopied to be displayed on our tree then returned to the child.



Parent Council

The date of the next Parent Council Meeting is **Tuesday 5th February 2018 at 7pm.**



Parent Helpers

If any parents are interested in helping with specific tasks in school such as library, playground development, story sacks, general admin etc. and have time to spare please contact the school to express your interest.

Pàrant 's Paiste

Pàrant 's Paiste resumes on Friday 7th December 2018 at 1.45pm until 3.15pm and will run every **second** week. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces back and to seeing new ones join us!

Lost Property

There is a number of clothing item in our Lost Property box (located at our front door). If you are missing anything could you please arrange to check the box before the end of term.



School Crossing Patrol

A reminder as we start the school term the crossing patrol begins at 8.30am until 9am and then after school at 3.20pm to 3.30pm. It is the responsibility of parents if they choose to allow their child to cross before or after these times.

Canteen

When we return after the Christmas holidays we will be introducing a new system for ordering canteen meals and making payment. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Sun Books for School's tokens

A big thank you to all who helped us reach our target of 3,500 tokens. These have now been sent off and we should receive our new books early next year.

AND FINALLY...



As headteacher I have an "open door" policy. I am usually available in school from 8:30 - 5:00 each day and am also happy to meet with parents outwith these times. You can also contact me by email via the school email address below. I greatly value the support of parents/carers in all aspects of the life of our school. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 29th November - Christmas Lights Switch On & Christmas Fair

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Lunch (festive attire may be worn)

Thursday 13th December - Christmas Concert Afternoon and Evening (2pm and 7pm)

Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Service 9.30am (all welcome)

Thursday 20th December - Christmas Party

Friday 21st December - School Closes for Christmas Holidays

Monday 7th January - School re-opens for staff and pupils

** Please note all events are subject to change and more information will be provided closer to the date.*